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Q 1 an MBL binding CDR3<sub>1</sub> region or a functional variant thereof of a monoclonal antibody produced by a hybridoma cell line selected from the group consisting of hybridoma cell line<sub>(3F8)</sub>, hybridoma cell line<sub>(2A9)</sub>, and hybridoma cell line<sub>(hMBL1.2)</sub> deposited under ATCC accession numbers HB-12621, HB-12620, and HB-12619 respectively.

Q 2 33. (Amended) The composition of claim 18, wherein the composition is a pharmaceutical composition including an effective amount of the isolated MBL binding peptide for treating an MBL mediated disorder; and,  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Please ~~cancel~~ claim 35.

In the Specification:

On page 50, line 3, immediately before the phrase "We claim:", please add the following paragraph:

Q 3 Deposits: Hybridoma 3F8, 2A9, and hMBL1.2 were deposited on December 4, 1998 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) as ATCC Accession Nos. HB-12621, HB-12620, and HB-12619, respectively, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty.

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